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SUBJECT: AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN OIL SEMINAR

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1. AS IN SIMILAR SEMINAR TWO YEARS AGO ON "OIL AS A WEAPON", THERE WAS STRONG COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN WPC/AAPSO SPONSORED SEMINAR ON "OIL AND RAW MATERIALS" HELD IN BAGHDAD NOV 2-4. GOI ASSOCIATION WITH SEMINAR WAS RESTRAINED. WHEREAS PRESIDENT AL-BAKR ADDRESSED FIRST SEMINAR, THIS YEAR MINPET HMMADI GAVE MODERATE OPENING SPEECH ON IRAQ'S OIL POLICY (REFTEL). SEMINAR ALSO RECEIVED MUCH LESS MEDIA COVERAGE THAN LAST TIME.

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2. AMONG THE FOUR AMERICANS WHO PARTICIPATED, MOST

PROMINENT WAS FORMER REPRESENTATIVE FROM OREGON, CHARLES O. PORTER, CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF ENERGY RESOURCES. IN NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW, PORTER PRAISED IRAQI NATIONALIZATION AND SAID ONE OF FOLLOW-UPS TO BAGHDAD SEMINAR WOULD BE MEETING IN WASHINGTON IN JUNE 1975 OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES FROM STATE OIL COMPANIES AND SUPPORTERS OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR NATIONALIZATION IN U.S.

3. PORTER CALLED AT USINT DURING VISIT FOR BRIEFING ON IRAQ. HE TOLD ME HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO IRAN TO MAKE INQUIRIES ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL PRISONERS ON BEHALF OF IRANIAN STUDENT GROUPS IN U.S. I SAID GOOD PLACE TO START MAKING SUCH INQUIRIES WOULD BE IRAQ. LOWRIE

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